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SUBJECT: TURKEY TO ABSTAIN FROM FIRST COMMITTEE VOTE ON  
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Classified By: Pol-Mil Counselor A. Godfrey, Reasons 1.4 (b,d)

(C) We delivered reftel demarches to MFA Nonproliferation and Disarmament Deputy Director General Ahmet Gun on October 23. Gun said that Turkey has taken a decision to abstain on the vote regarding the resolution on de-alerting nuclear weapons.

On depleted uranium, Gun noted that Turkey had abstained on a similar resolution last year; he predicted Turkey would take a similar approach this year, although a formal decision has not been reached. He undertook to review the resolution on "Global State of Nuclear Disarmament" and "Developments in Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security" and inform us of Turkey's position once formal decisions have been taken.

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